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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 08/593,886, filed January 30, 1996, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**.
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
JAPAN	7-013874	JANUARY 31, 1995
JAPAN	7-089773	APRIL 14, 1995
JAPAN	7-143525	JUNE 9, 1995

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No.08/593,886 filed January 30, 1996.
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number . Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
(B) Application Serial No.(s)
 - are submitted herewith
 - will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

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